

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

JOSEPH ALLEN MALDONADO-PASSAGE

V.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

UNITED STATES FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICES

FORMER DIRECTOR DAN ASHE

FEDERAL WILDLIFE AGENT MATTHEW BRYANT

ASST. U.S. ATTORNEY AMANDA GREEN

JAMES BRANDON GARRETSON

JEFFERY LEE LOWE

ALLEN GLOVER



Case Number CVI-20-248-SLP

Motion to Recuse

The Plaintiff Joseph Maldonado-Passage is filing a motion to have Judge Scott Palk recuse himself from the above case, Pro Se.

The Plaintiff argues that Judge Scott Palk has a major conflict of interest in this case CVI-20-248-SLP. As he has presided over civil cases involving the Plaintiffs zoo, the Plaintiffs mother, along with the alleged victim in the Plaintiffs criminal case. See Big Cat Rescue Corp. v. GW Exotic Memorial Animal Foundation 5:14-CV-00377, Big Cat Rescue Corp. v. Schreibvogel 5:16-CV-0015. United States v. Joseph Maldonado-Passage 5:18-cr-00227-SLP. The plaintiff argues that not only does Judge Scott Palk have a conflict of interest in all of these cases but has a borderline conflict of being an animal rights advocate, and homophobic due to the hostile and agitated remarks made in open court toward the Plaintiff during sentencing of the criminal case of which he should have recused himself from the beginning of the criminal case. Remarks made

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like "I will make sure you are never around another animal the rest of your life". The plaintiff has never been accused of any animal abuse in his life to deserve such a statement. Judge Palk also stated, "You were trying to broker a pair of lions to support your husband from Jail" in a very hostile voice. Which even if the Plaintiff would have done this, which he did not. It was perfectly legal as it was within the boundaries of the State of Texas of which his husband, and the breeder lived. So all of this was un-called for. Remarks due to Judge Scott Palks prejudice because of being involved in all the civil cases, so the Plaintiff is asking for the motion to have Judge Scott Palk recuse himself and a non bias Judge be appointed this case.

I certify this was filed VIA mail on 24 of March 2020.

Joseph Maldonado-Passage